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**RENEWED REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

This is responsive to the communication mailed 10 March 2010, which states that the Information Disclosure Statement (“IDS”) filed 17 May 2007 allegedly fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.98(1) and has not been considered. Applicants first note that the official communication was mailed almost three (3) years after the filing of the IDS and after a notice of allowance already issued in this application.

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In response to the official communication, Applicants respectfully note that they complied with the requirements (1)-(5) referenced in the official communication as allegedly missing, but it appears that the USPTO mishandled or misfiled the relevant portions of the IDS that fulfilled such requirements. In this respect, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the IDS that was filed, which includes: (1) a list of all patents, publications, applications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office; (2) U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications listed in a section separately from citations of other documents; (3) the application number of the application in which the information disclosure statement is being submitted on each page of the list; (4) a column that provides a blank space next to each document to be considered, for the examiner's initials; and (5) a heading that clearly indicates that the list is an information disclosure statement.

Applicants also submit herewith a postcard receipt showing receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement on 17 May 2007. In contrast, a check of the USPTO's Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system shows that the "Information Disclosure Statement" for which receipt was acknowledged on 17 May 2007 did not make its way into PAIR.

In view of the above, Applicants complied with all applicable requirements, and the information in the IDS should be considered of record. Alternatively, Applicants request that the IDS be considered under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(f) ("If a bona fide attempt is made to comply with § 1.98, but part of the required content is inadvertently omitted, additional time may be given to enable full compliance.").

In the present case, Applicants respectfully submit that any inadvertently omitted content was omitted by the USPTO.

Respectfully submitted,

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